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1. A plant designated cultivator factory was on the eastern outskirts of Chelyabinsk (55°10'N/61°25'E), about 2 miles east of the railroad station and just south of the tank plant. Separating the tank plant and the cultivator plant was the double-track railroad line to Omsk. The cultivator plant covered an area of about 3,600 x 2,500 ft. Its buildings were rather neglected and its installations antiquated. Machines (including hydraulic presses from Duisburg K 52/1 31) packed in boxes were scattered over the plant yard. An area of 300 x 150 ft. was provided for a new building project. The plant had spur tracks. Power was supplied by the municipal power plant south of the cultivator plant. 25X1
2. The plant produced shell casings of about 150 mm, 350 mm, and 400 mm, without explosive filler. In seven hours 290 x 350-mm and 400-mm pieces were transported from the annealing furnace to the press. 1,200 shells of 250 and 400 mm were produced in 24 hours in addition to a substantially higher number of shells, 150 mm and smaller. Steel blanks, 6 to 10 meters long, were supplied to the plant from Magnitogorsk (53°25'N/59°05'E). 25X1
3. In addition to the 300 PW's, the plant employed 1,200 workers, half of whom were women, in each of the three shifts. **
4. Location: The plant, [redacted] a cultivator plant, was located on the eastern edge of CHELYABINSK (61°25'E/55°10'N), Chelyabinsk Oblast, about two miles east of the railroad station and south of the tank plant, from which it is separated by the double-track railroad line to OMSK. 25X1
5. Plant installations: The plant, covering an area of about 3,600 x 2,500 feet, has obsolescent equipment and its buildings are rather neglected. Boxes with machinery, including hydraulic presses from DUISBURG, were piled in the factory area. A new building was to be constructed on a site of 300 x 150 feet. A railroad connection is available. Power comes from the municipal power plant located south of the factory. 25X1

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6. Work Force: About 1,200 workers, 50 percent women, in each of three shifts in addition to 300 P's.
7. Production: Shell Cases, cultivators.

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Comment. This is the Ordzhonikidze Cultivator Plant No 78 in Chelyabinsk. The shell production in this plant is confirmed.

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in 1947 the quota per man per shift in the lathe shop was eight 305-mm shells or eight shells marked with "19P".

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there were allegedly 50 lathes in the lathe shop. Work was done in three shifts. The shells were not filled in plant No 78. According to wartime information, the plant mostly produced 203 to 500-mm shells during the war. The shells were filled in Plant No 80 in Dzerzhinsk (53°41'N/27°07'E) and Plant No 111 in Kopeisk (55°07'N/31°35'E). According to Soviet press reports, the quality of the cultivators produced by the Chelyabinsk plant was extraordinarily poor in 1948, and in 1949 production was hampered by the inadequate supply of raw materials, especially strip steel. Therefore the plant yard was packed with uncompleted cultivators during 1949. The present report does not mention the foundry previously reported between the pressing shop and the lathe shop. This foundry was supposed to have had more than two cupola furnaces during the war.

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Comment. Although the report confirms and supplements a previous report, the measurements of the entire plant area and of the individual workshops are smaller than previously stated. The present report seems to have the greater credibility.

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